

# Alaska Local and Regional Information

## Workforce Info

### Anchorage Municipality



Anchorage Municipality is Alaska's largest city. More than 40 percent of the state's population resides within its boundaries. It is the state's financial, commercial, and cultural center as well as the major transportation hub. The Port of Anchorage, the Ted Stevens International Airport, the Alaska Railroad, and the highway system all combine to make the city Alaska's primary distributor of goods. Anchorage is gradually becoming less industrialized and is broadening its economic landscape with more retail trade and a larger service sector. It possesses the wide range of economic and cultural opportunities associated with major metropolitan areas.

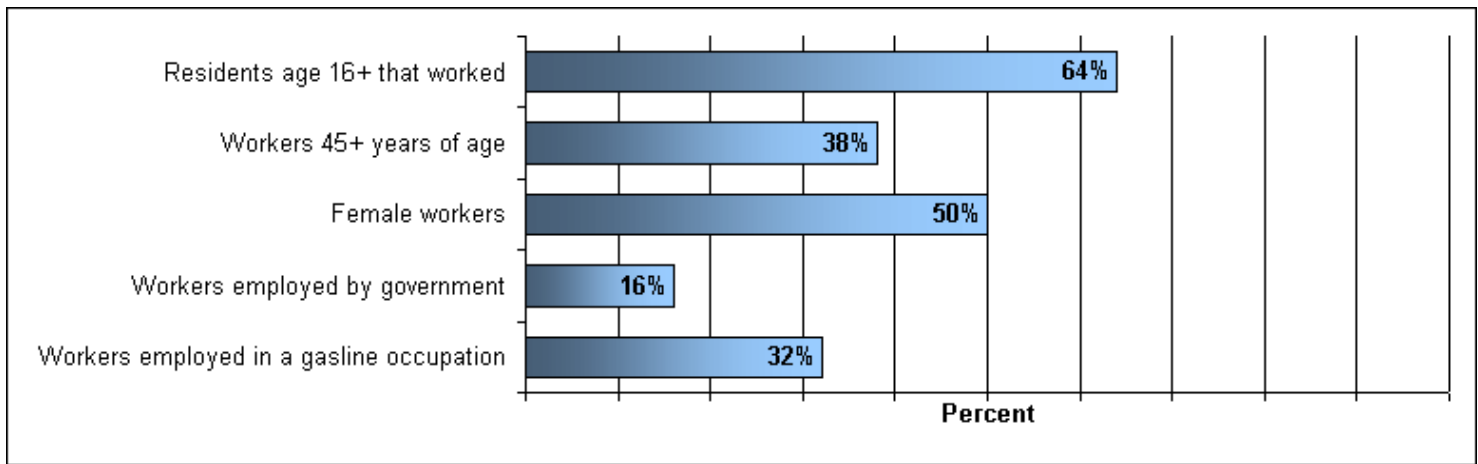
- ◆ The estimated population for 2008 was 284,994, a gain of about 24,711 since the 2000 Census.
- ◆ About 64 percent of the resident population 16+ years old worked in 2008.
- ◆ Trade, Transportation and Utilities was the main industry in 2008, employing 23 percent of the area's workers.
- ◆ More workers were employed as Retail Salespersons than any other occupation.

Please note: There is an important distinction between the local/regional employment data and our "standard" employment series. Most of these data reflect totals for area residents only. Total worker counts may be lower than expected in areas with a large number of nonresident workers. The Alaska Permanent Fund dividend file is used to determine the worker's geographic residence. Only Alaska residents (as defined by PFD application) are included in these totals. Also note that federal employees, the military, and the self-employed are not included in these data.

| Anchorage Municipality Resident Snapshot (2008) |         |   |                 |
|---|---------|---|-----------------|
| Working Age Residents                           |         | Wages   |                 |
| Residents age 16+                               | 197,551 | Total wages   | \$5,065,140,833 |
| Resident Worker Characteristics                 |         | Resident Workers by Sector                          |                 |
| Total   | 127,415 | Private   | 106,760         |
| Male  | 63,473  | State government                                    | 8,920           |
| Female  | 63,804  | Local government                                    | 11,747          |
| Age 45+   | 48,002  | Quarterly Number of Resident Workers                |                 |
| Age 50+   | 32,978  | Peak (2nd) quarter workers                          | 114,812         |
|   |         | Percent working all 4 quarters                      | 72.7%           |
| Unemployment                                    |         | Construction/AGIA Occupation Experience (2004-2008) |                 |
| UI Claimants                                    | 12,546  | Some construction                                   | 17,235          |
|   |         | At least 1 year construction                        | 10,513          |
|   |         | At least 2 years construction                       | 7,009           |
| New Hires                                       |         | Worked in an <b>AGIA</b> occupation                 | 83,323          |
| New hires                                       | 44,151  |   |                 |

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## 2008 Residents

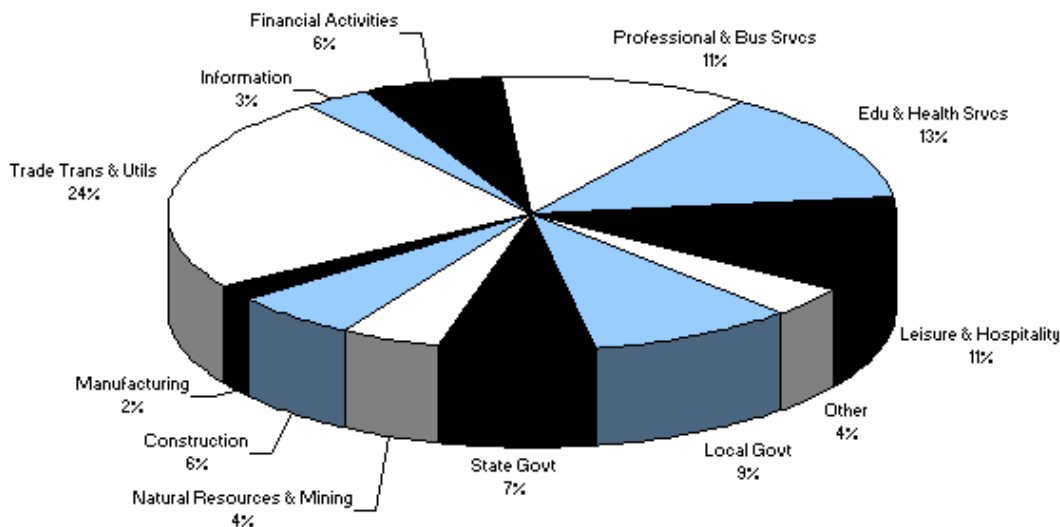


## Top Occupations

|  | Those Who <b>Live</b> in the<br>Borough/Census Area (2008) |                   |         | Those Who <b>Work</b> in the<br>Borough/Census Area<br>(2007) |                              |
|--|--|-------------------|---------|---|------------------------------|
|  | Number<br>employed   | Percent<br>female | Age 50+ | %<br>Non-local  | %<br>Non-Alaska<br>Residents |
| Retail Salespersons  | 5,299  | 56.3%             | 985     | 8.6%  | 14.5%                        |
| Cashiers   | 3,258  | 64.6%             | 429     | 8.6%  | 15.4%                        |
| Office Clerks, General <b>AGIA</b>   | 3,065  | 78.8%             | 817     | 11.6%   | 10.0%                        |
| Office and Administrative Support Workers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>             | 2,679  | 78.3%             | 640     | 10.9%   | 8.3%                         |
| Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers, Including<br>Fast Food        | 2,669  | 54.1%             | 157     | 5.9%  | 16.8%                        |
| Registered Nurses <b>HOT JOB</b>   | 1,987  | 90.8%             | 800     | 12.5%   | 13.5%                        |
| Bookkeeping, Accounting, and Auditing Clerks <b>AGIA HOT<br/>JOB</b>         | 1,871  | 86.8%             | 539     | 9.3%  | 5.8%                         |
| Executive Secretaries and Administrative<br>Assistants <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>   | 1,867  | 89.9%             | 580     | 10.6%   | 9.3%                         |
| Janitors and Cleaners, Except Maids and Housekeeping<br>Cleaners <b>AGIA</b> | 1,796  | 35.8%             | 655     | 7.9%  | 13.2%                        |
| Waiters and Waitresses   | 1,750  | 70.2%             | 202     | 9.3%  | 22.8%                        |
| Laborers and Freight, Stock, and Material Movers,<br>Hand <b>AGIA</b>        | 1,649  | 12.8%             | 223     | 14.5%   | 20.3%                        |
| General and Operations Managers  | 1,565  | 37.3%             | 637     | 11.8%   | 8.8%                         |
| Customer Service Representatives   | 1,420  | 74.3%             | 281     | 10.4%   | 10.3%                        |
| Elementary School Teachers, Except Special Education <b>HOT<br/>JOB</b>      | 1,405  | 82.8%             | 455     | 4.1%  | 3.6%                         |
| Receptionists and Information Clerks <b>AGIA</b>                             | 1,372  | 90.9%             | 237     | 11.2%   | 10.6%                        |
| Transportation Workers, All Other  | 1,290  | 29.4%             | 292     | 10.2%   | 15.4%                        |
| Maids and Housekeeping Cleaners <b>AGIA</b>                                  | 1,288  | 78.6%             | 371     | 7.7%  | 24.5%                        |
| Construction Laborers <b>AGIA HOT JOB</b>                                    | 1,281  | 9.2%              | 180     | 23.9%   | 19.3%                        |
| Managers, All Other <b>AGIA</b>  | 1,149  | 45.9%             | 478     | 11.3%   | 6.8%                         |
| Teacher Assistants   | 1,138  | 88.7%             | 385     | 3.5%  | 5.3%                         |

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## Resident Workers by Industry



### Workers by Industry

|                                     | Those Who <b>Live</b> in the<br>Borough/Census Area (2008) |                   |         | Those Who <b>Work</b> in the<br>Borough/Census Area<br>(2007) |                              |
|-------------------------------------|--|-------------------|---------|---|------------------------------|
|                                     | Number<br>employed   | Percent<br>female | Age 50+ | % Non-local   | %<br>Non-Alaska<br>Residents |
| Natural Resources and Mining        | 5,358  | 21.9%             | 1,631   | 15.6%   | 18.1%                        |
| Construction                        | 7,351  | 14.3%             | 1,601   | 22.2%   | 14.9%                        |
| Manufacturing                       | 2,192  | 28.5%             | 519     | 12.0%   | 18.7%                        |
| Trade, Transportation and Utilities | 29,882   | 40.5%             | 6,706   | 12.0%   | 15.1%                        |
| Information                         | 3,849  | 44.6%             | 980     | 11.7%   | 8.0%                         |
| Financial Activities                | 7,725  | 64.6%             | 1,824   | 10.0%   | 7.7%                         |
| Professional and Business Services  | 14,239   | 46.8%             | 3,586   | 13.1%   | 19.5%                        |
| Educational and Health Services     | 16,991   | 77.1%             | 4,784   | 10.4%   | 8.7%                         |
| Leisure and Hospitality             | 14,335   | 51.1%             | 2,093   | 8.1%  | 22.0%                        |
| State Government                    | 8,919  | 54.7%             | 3,609   | 13.1%   | 4.4%                         |
| Local Government                    | 11,746   | 62.9%             | 4,444   | 6.7%  | 4.4%                         |
| Other                               | 4,643  | 59.2%             | 1,176   | 11.0%   | 12.2%                        |

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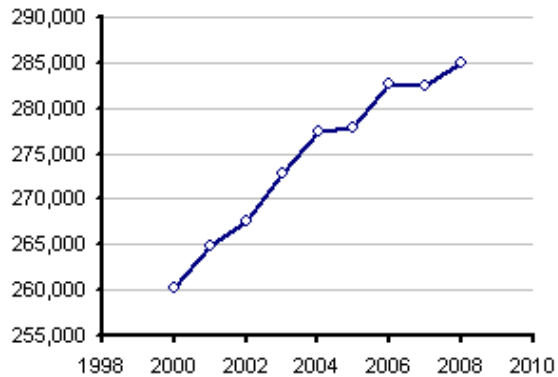
| Recent Unemployment Statistics                 |         |         |         |         |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|
|  | 03/2009 | 04/2009 | 05/2009 | 06/2009 |
| UI Claimants**                                 | 7,225   | 7,549   | 7,043   | 6,538   |
| Unemployment Rate<br>(Not seasonally adjusted) | 7.1%    | 6.6%    | 6.8%    | 7.3%    |

\*\*UI claimants are individuals in this area who had an active claim at any time during the month.

### Top Employers (ranked by number of workers)

|                                |
|--------------------------------|
| Anch School District 9011      |
| State of AK (excludes U of A)  |
| Providence Hospital Payroll    |
| Municipality of Anch Payroll   |
| University of AK               |
| Safeway Inc                    |
| Wal-Mart Associates Inc        |
| Fred Meyer Stores Inc          |
| AK Native Tribal Health Consor |
| Nana Management Services LLC   |

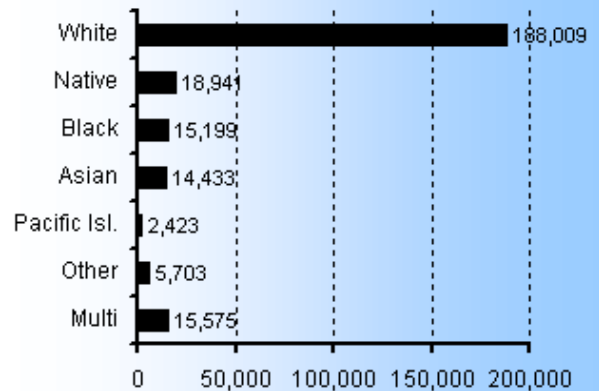
**Population over Time**



**2000 Census**

|                         |          |
|-------------------------|----------|
| Median Age              | 32.4     |
| Average Family Size     | 3.2      |
| Average Household Size  | 2.7      |
| Per Capita Income       | \$25,287 |
| Median Family Income    | \$63,682 |
| Median Household Income | \$55,546 |

**Population by Race**



(Note: Racial classification is based on self identification. The "Multi" category consists of those who claim to be members of more than one race. The "Native" category includes Alaska Natives and American Indians.)

## 2008 Rental Costs and Vacancy Rates

|           | <b>Contract<br/>Average</b> | <b>Adjusted<br/>Average</b> | <b>Contract<br/>Median</b> | <b>Adjusted<br/>Median</b> | <b>Vacancy<br/>Rate</b> |
|-----------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| All Units | \$936                       | \$1,022                     | \$875                      | \$978                      | 4.7%                    |

### Single Family Units

|                         |         |         |         |         |       |
|-------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------|
| Average All SF<br>Homes | \$1,252 | \$1,454 |         |         |       |
| 1 Bedroom               | \$732   | \$813   | \$700   | \$820   | 5.3%  |
| 2 Bedrooms              | \$976   | \$1,119 | \$950   | \$1,115 | 21.2% |
| 3 Bedrooms              | \$1,338 | \$1,558 | \$1,370 | \$1,560 | 1.3%  |
| 4 Bedrooms              | \$1,615 | \$1,910 | \$1,648 | \$1,956 | 3.3%  |

### Apartments

|                           |         |         |         |         |      |
|---------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| Average All<br>Apartments | \$930   | \$1,013 |         |         |      |
| 0 Bedrooms                | \$692   | \$759   | \$635   | \$701   | 3.6% |
| 1 Bedroom                 | \$843   | \$912   | \$795   | \$850   | 5.0% |
| 2 Bedrooms                | \$1,009 | \$1,104 | \$950   | \$1,023 | 4.4% |
| 3 Bedrooms                | \$1,130 | \$1,236 | \$1,128 | \$1,214 | 5.3% |

## 2008 Type of Energy Used for Rentals

|             | <b>Heating</b> | <b>Hot Water</b> | <b>Cooking</b> |
|-------------|----------------|------------------|----------------|
| Natural Gas | 96.5%          | 93.7%            | 5.5%           |
| Oil         | 0.4%           | 0.3%             | 0.0%           |
| Electric    | 3.2%           | 6.1%             | 94.5%          |
| Other       | 0.0%           | 0.0%             | 0.0%           |

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section  
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